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Monthly Gas Utility Statistical Report

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Residential, commercial, and industrial sales increased in February of 1985 compared to last year. Total utility sales were up from 1565.9 trillion Btu in February 1984 to 1774.7 trillion Btu in February 1985.

GAS UTILITY VOLUMES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS (Trillions of Btu)

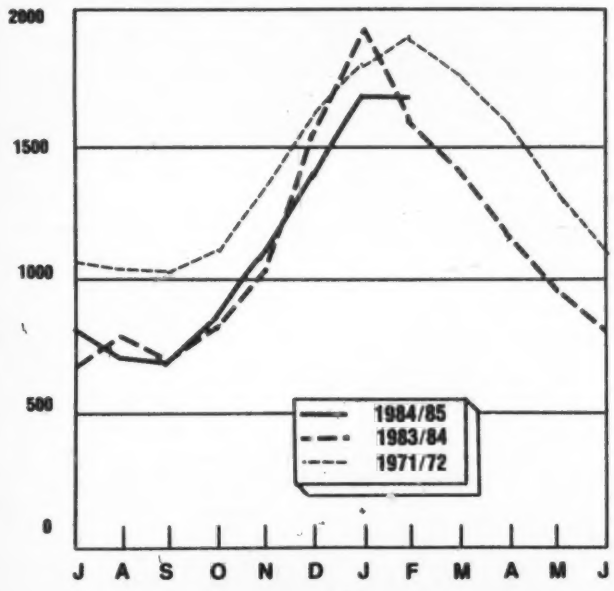
	February			Heating Season (Nov-Feb)		January 1 to December 31		
	1985	1984	% Change[1]	1985	Last Period	1985 Forecast	1984[P]	% Change
Residential	812.4	678.7	+ 19.7	2,558.7	- 1.2	4,651.2	4,612.1	+ 0.8
Commercial	381.3	325.1	+ 17.3	1,229.1	- 0.9	2,398.8	2,362.9	+ 1.5
Industrial	560.0	543.2	+ 3.1	2,191.5	+ 3.0	6,351.7	6,323.3	+ 0.4
Other	21.0	18.9	-	69.4	-	147.9	147.8	-
Total Sales	1774.7	1565.9	+ 13.3	6,048.7	+ 0.3	13,549.6	13,446.1	+ 0.8
Transportation	132.8	77.3	+ 71.8	647.6	+ 63.3	N/A	N/A	
Total Volumes	1907.5	1643.2	+ 16.1	6,696.3	+ 4.2	N/A	N/A	
Degree Days*	840	654	+ 28.4	3,253	- 0.1			

*Source: (NOAA - Weighted by Gas Homeheating Customers - Normal for February is 792.)

Gas volumes are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas utility sales to ultimate consumers.

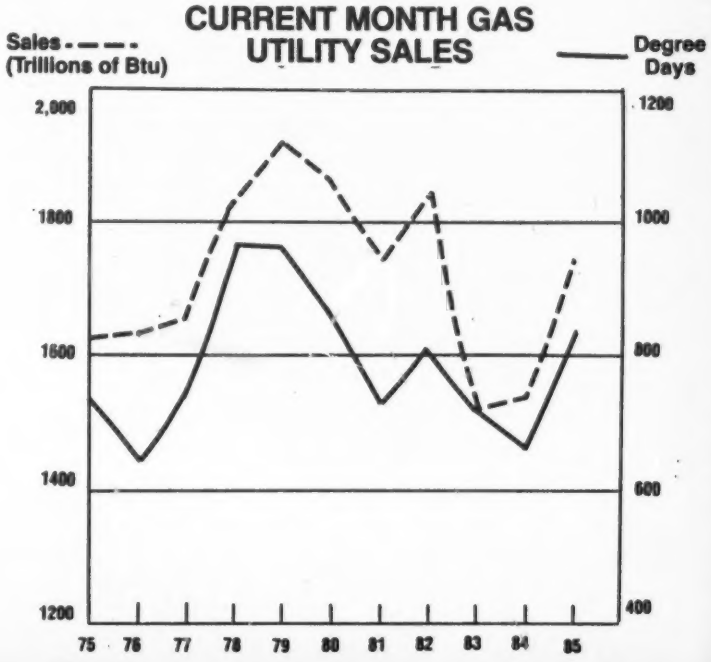
MONTHLY GAS UTILITY SALES

(Trillions of Btu)



The peak year in sales for the Gas Utility Industry occurred in 1972.

CURRENT MONTH GAS UTILITY SALES



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS - FEBRUARY
(Thousands of Units)

	1985	1984	% Change '84 vs '85
Domestic Range			
Gas	130.3	133.6	- 2.1
Electric	216.6	236.8	- 8.5
Clothes Dryers			
Gas	70.4	71.6	- 1.7
Electric	253.1	259.4	- 2.4
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas	114.0	141.5	- 19.4
Electric	25.5	30.3	- 21.1
Oil	9.4	11.9	- 15.8
Boilers			
Gas	11.8	9.5	+ 24.5
Electric	NA	NA	NA
Oil	6.0	4.5	+ 31.7

Sources: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS - FEBRUARY

	1985	1984	% Change '84 vs '85
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	95.0	130.0	- 26.9
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	576.8	573.6	+ 0.6
Electricity	352.6	334.2	+ 5.5
Fuel Oil	628.9	705.0	- 10.8

Sources: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Index Total Gas Sales (1972 = 100)	93.0	82.1	+ 13.3
Gas Utility Prices ($/MMBtu)			
Residential	5.57	5.60	- 0.5
Commercial	5.34	5.39	- 0.9
Industrial	4.20	4.24	- 0.9
Total	5.08	5.07	+ 0.2
Carriage Volumes[3] (trillions of Btu)			
To Ultimate Consumers	132.8	77.3	+ 71.8
For Ultimate Consumers	40.6	30.6	+ 32.7
For Resale	292.3	246.7	+ 18.5
Total	465.7	354.6	+ 31.3

Source: A.G.A.

AVERAGE GAS UTILITY PRICES FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING
($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.	Oth.
1978	Dec.	2.184	2.534	2.279	1.895	1.788
1979	Dec.	2.522	2.918	2.665	2.231	1.937
1980	Dec.	3.134	3.612	3.336	2.792	2.667
1981	Dec.	3.650	4.161	3.909	3.292	3.458
1982	Dec.	4.456	4.969	4.721	4.003	4.303
1983	Dec.	5.120	5.881	5.508	4.408	4.914
1984	Feb.P	5.104	5.866	5.501	4.370	4.880
	Mar.P	5.091	5.848	5.491	4.351	4.855
	Apr.P	5.081	5.850	5.486	4.339	4.841
	May P	5.073	5.851	5.483	4.328	4.820
	Jun.P	5.067	5.856	5.484	4.317	4.814
	Jul.P	5.052	5.859	5.486	4.305	4.810
	Aug.P	5.050	5.859	5.484	4.301	4.803
	Sep.P	5.049	5.861	5.485	4.296	4.781
	Oct.P	5.052	5.863	5.487	4.291	4.765
	Nov.P	5.051	5.862	5.486	4.293	4.747
	Dec.P	5.054	5.880	5.500	4.293	4.758
1985	Jan.P	5.057	5.915	5.517	4.285	4.746
	Feb.P	5.058	5.901	5.507	4.281	4.723

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AVERAGE MONTHLY GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.
1983	Feb.	5.18	5.58	5.44	4.49
	Mar.	5.23	5.78	5.54	4.50
	Apr.	5.17	5.73	5.50	4.46
	May	5.16	6.11	5.61	4.44
	Jun.	5.07	6.48	5.71	4.40
	Jul.	4.94	6.73	5.62	4.33
	Aug.	4.89	6.87	5.53	4.33
	Sep.	4.94	6.79	5.54	4.36
	Oct.	5.04	6.41	5.53	4.36
	Nov.	5.17	6.01	5.54	4.40
	Dec.	5.18	5.70	5.49	4.35
1984	Jan.P	5.13	5.54	5.41	4.32
	Feb.P	5.07	5.60	5.39	4.24
	Mar.P	5.10	5.66	5.46	4.28
	Apr.P	5.06	5.74	5.45	4.30
	May P	5.05	6.13	5.57	4.30
	Jun.P	4.96	6.67	5.76	4.26
	Jul.P	4.78	6.86	5.68	4.19
	Aug.P	4.86	6.90	5.48	4.28
	Sep.P	4.92	6.85	5.58	4.30
	Oct.P	4.99	6.43	5.55	4.30
	Nov.P	5.14	6.00	5.53	4.41
	Dec.P	5.23	5.82	5.61	4.35
1985	Jan.P	5.16	5.70	5.51	4.23
	Feb.P	5.08	5.57	5.34	4.20

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[1]The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies.

[2]1984 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1984 monthly data. The remaining months are derived by using a four year average. The industrial sector forecast is also based on available 1984 monthly data. The remaining months of 1984 are heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.

[3]Carriage volumes determined by using a simple straight expansion of sample data to represent the total gas utility industry. Carriage volumes for ultimate consumers are volumes delivered to another transporter, not the ultimate consumer, and are therefore broken out to eliminate double counting of volumes delivered to ultimate consumers.